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PRES. SWARTZ ANNIVERSARY

Special exercises in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the Pacific School of Religion and of the 10th anniversary of the presidency of Dr. Herman F. Swartz, will be held on January 21st. There will be a luncheon of alumni and students at noon, a conference on the "Enlistment and training of a ministry for the Church of today," in the afternoon, and a banquet in honor of President Swartz at the Berkeley Women's City Club at 6 o'clock in the evening. At 8 o'clock Dr. Robert Millikan, noted physicist of Pasadena, will give an address at the First Congregational Church on the subject "This Changing World." The Pacific, the Conference office, and the Bay Association, join with the Pacific School of Religion in felicitating President Swartz and in appreciation of the service which he has rendered not only to the school, but our church life in California.

EARL LECTURES

The twelfth Interdenomination Pastoral Conference, and the 31st annual course of Earl Lectures will be held in Berkeley, February 22 to 25. The Earl Lecturer this year will be Frederick Bohn Fisher, D.D., LL.D., minister of the First Methodist Church in Ann Harbor, Michigan, and formerly Bishop in the Calcutta area in India. He will give three lectures on the evenings of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, upon the subject "Modern Missions."

The topic of the Pastoral Conference will be "God in the Thought and Life of Today." William Adams Brown, D.D., LL.D., of Union Seminary, New York, Henry Nelson Wieman, PhD., D.D., of Chicago Divinity School, and John Wright Buckham, D.D., of Pacific School of Religion, will lead in the discussion of this theme. The devotional services will be conducted by Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D.

All Congregational pastors will meet for lunch Thursday noon of the Conference period. The hour and place will be announced later.

YEAR BOOK BLANKS

Blanks for the reports of the churches for the Year Book were mailed before Christmas. It is the hope of the Registrar and the Conference office that these blanks will be filled out as accurately as possible and returned immediately after the annual meetings of the churches. If possible this should be by January 15th, and certainly not later than February 1st. Let California for once show the way by doing this work promptly and permitting the state office to complete its tabulations for the Year Book and the printing of the Conference minutes at a decently early date.

"Everything in the United States is keyed up to a new pace which started with Prohibition. This speed would be impossible with liquor. There is no chance of modification. If the law were changed we'd have to shut down our plants."

—Henry Ford, in an interview at Sudbury, Mass., August 1928.

Vital Statistics

As the copy for the Pacific goes to press, it is too early to give final report of the receipts of the year, and too late to be of value in securing additional contributions for 1931. Money received by January 11 is credited to 1931.

On January 6 we had received since the first of December $7,057, as against $13,000 between December 1 and January 10 a year ago. Receipts for the Loyalty offering were $1,703 as against $8,000 on the Plan of Advance in 1930. On Monday, January 11, the Conference Board meets to face the situation which our reduced income brings about. In spite of this rather discouraging report, the Conference office believes that the churches have done their best, and that everything considered, the showing has been a remarkable one and reveals the loyalty to our cause which is most heartening.

"Next to the establishment of the Christian church and the founding of the common school the coming of the 18th Amendment has done more for the welfare of childhood and youth than any advance in the history of civilization."—Joy Elmer Morgan, editor of the National Education Association Journal, the official organ of the educators of America.

Bay Meeting

The Bay Association is holding its annual meeting at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, on Tuesday, January 12, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. Two new voices in the association will be heard for the first time: Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, pastor of North Church, will speak on "The Need of Goal Posts," Rev. Kerrison Juniper, D.D., of First Church, San Francisco, is to give a brief address at the dinner hour. In the evening Rev. Herman F. Swartz, D.D., will speak on "India Today." Reports of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer, the Executive Secretary and the various committees will be held. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Rev. Gail Cleland is the Moderator, and Rev. R. C. Day the Registrar.

Perhaps alcoholic insanity is the most accurate measure of drunkenness. New York and New Jersey are among the wettest states. Official reports comparing 1910 (wet) with 1920 (dry) show a decline of 80 per cent or more in this disorder in these two states.—Dr. H. M. Pollock, statistician, as to New York state; Dr. H. A. Cotton, medical director, as to State Hospital, New Jersey; Dr. Guy Payne, superintendent as to Overbrook Hospital, New Jersey.

REDISCOVERY OF DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Committee on Preparation of Devotional Literature Makes Preliminary Report

For reasons hard to determine, recent years have seen decay of the family altar and also of individual devotional life. This is true chiefly among us evangelical Protestants, whose original protest was that no priest need mediate the soul's relation to God, but that by faith each might for himself come into direct and saving relation to Him who is the Light and the Life of men. What a tragic irony of history that we should have vacated the position bought at so great a price and should now so little cherish that access to God. It is easy to believe that those against whom we Protestants protested now give more heed than we do to the devotional life, to reading and meditation and prayer, acts designed to bring the soul into humble awareness of God. Certainly other cults, Christian Science, Unity and Mormonism, quite shame us by their care at this point.

Our religion has still its ancient power, for patience, courage, heroism, poise, health—in a word, for victorious living. But such triumph is through practice of God's presence. It is by no trick, by no one-time act, but it is by culture, "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear," that the Christian life is established in us, that it becomes zestful, that we welcome new ethical demands of Christianity.

Well chosen readings and prayer will help one clarify his faith, will bring religion to bear on any trouble, to remove it, bear it, to triumph over it, and will keep vital aspects of religion so to the fore that it will seem easy and natural to bear witness.

The Conference committee has secured Dr. Buckham to prepare what it believes will be a helpful manual for individual or for family use. This cannot be ready for about a year. It will be easy to urge that little book upon our people when it is ready. Meanwhile the need is plain and pressing for a return to the more prevailing practice of former days. We need individual prayer and meditation, with aids from scriptural and other writers whose experience of God has been vital. We suggest that during Lent extended use be made of "The Fellowship of Prayer," ($2.00 per hundred, from the Conference office). Before Lent (February 10) we suggest one's own course of readings such as may be found in the Congregationalist, or in sundry books like "The Meaning of Faith," "The Meaning of Prayer," by Fosdick, "The Daily Altar," by Willett and Morrison ($1.00), and "Daily Devotions," two editions, each for three months (15c) from the Conference office.

The members of the committee remind themselves and their brethren how easy it is to grow remiss, and to permit the doings of deeds to crowd out devotions. To recover the culture of the devotional life will go toward spiritual strength and tonic, and will give the ring of sincerity to words that should urge our people to restore this habit. Nothing can be more important for spiritual growth. The turn of the year conspires with us to restore this priceless practice of daily devotions. Let us preach on the subject, suggest special manuals, return to the matter from time to time. Would that the year 1932 might be signalized by the rediscovery of the devotional life, the joy of it, the power of it.

MILES B. FISHER,
Secretary for the Committee.

EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

The Conference Committee on Evangelism, consisting of: Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D., Rev. Burton M. Palmer, D.D., Rev. M. G. Papazian, Rev. George E. Atkinson, Rev. H. H. Wolford and the Superintendent, are planning a series of conferences on Christian enlistment to be held early in February. Following the mandate of the annual meeting of the Conference, these gatherings are to include both ministers and laymen. It is the judgment of the committee, however, that the sessions should be held separately, at least in part, so that both groups can discuss with utmost frankness, the problem of enlisting new people for Christ and the Church. Full details have not as yet been worked out, but it is hoped that the following dates will be approximated:

February 1. Oakland.
February 2. San Jose.
February 3. Fresno.
February 8. Stockton.
February 9. Sacramento.
February 10. Sebastopol.

Ministers are requested to study this schedule and to plan to attend the conference nearest their homes, and be prepared to bring a large number of laymen and laywomen with them.

ASILOMAR RALLY

Pronounced a decided success by all who came, the Asilomar Christmas Rally on December 29, 1931, at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, brought into the hearts of those who partook, a spirit of fellowship which will last well into the New Year.

The program, consisting of dinner, community singing, a worship service, an address and a social hour, was well attended by about 185 young people and ministers from churches in the valley, on the peninsula and around the East Bay. Churches of several races were well represented, along with a few members of other denominations.

Clifford Simpson of Plymouth Church, who resigned his position as the sponsor of the East Bay Council of Cacoypa because of his contemplated trip to the Holy Land in February, introduced Ralph Scott of Berkeley, as the sponsor appointed by the Congregational Conference to guide the committee directing the forthcoming activities of the young people.

An institute is to be held in the near future, similar to that of September 20, 1931, at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, at which all young people's society problems and helps were discussed.

At the Rally dinner President Harold Cowdrey of the East Bay Council of Cacoypa, put forth an earnest request that all churches send two representatives to each Cacoypa meeting which is held the second Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church of Oakland. This is necessary so that all the churches will have an equal voice in these important discussions. The next meeting will be January 14, 1932, and the second Thursday in every month following that date.

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SUPT. GILL ATTENDS NEW YORK MEETINGS

Superintendent Gill leaves on January 13th to attend the various executive meetings of our boards in New York. The mid-winter Conference as held during recent years, is being omitted in order to save expense, and the business will be transacted by the various executive and administrative committees. Mr. Gill, who is president of the superintendents' organization for the country, has been asked to make the trip in order to present the views of the superintendents and to bring back to the Pacific Coast states direct information as to the problems that confront the missionary organizations of our church.

HYMN SLIDES

In Conference Office.
Abide with Me.
At the Cross.
Blest Be the Tie that Binds.
Christ for the World We Sing.
Come, Thou Almighty King.
Faith of Our Fathers!
Fling Out the Banner.
From Greenland's Icy Mountains.
Hail to the Brightness.
Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling.
Hasten, Lord, the Glorious Time.
Holy, Holy, Holy.
How Firm a Foundation.
I Am Thine, O Lord.
I Gave My Life for Thee.
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.
I Need Thee Every Hour.
In the Cross of Christ I Glory.
Love Divine, All Love Excelling.
My Life, My Love, I Give Thee.
O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand.
O Jesus, I Have Promised.
Onward, Christian Soldiers.
Rescue the Perishing.
Soon May the Last Glad Song Arise.
Speed Away, Speed Away.
Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus.
The Church's One Foundation.
The Morning Light Is Breaking.
The Son of God Goes Forth to War.
Watchman, Tell Me Does the Morning.
We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps.
Who Is On the Lord's Side?
Ye Christian Heralds, Go, Proclaim.
Yield Not to Temptation.

The Church Extension Boards and the American Missionary Association are interested in the World Friendship Stamp Album published by the American Board this spring. Our United States stamps tell interesting stories of men and events which relate to the development of the country and to true stories of the part Home Missionaries have had in this development. Stamp collectors will be interested to watch for current stamp items in the columns of The American Missionary Number of The Congregationalist.

AU REVOIR

Dr. and Mrs. Miles B. Fisher will soon take up their residence in La Canada in Southern California where Dr. Fisher is to be the pastor of the Community Church and the director of the Community Chest. Both Dr. and Mrs. Fisher have rendered valiant service in Northern California, not only for the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, but the Conference. Mrs. Fisher has served in the Federation of Congregational Women, and Dr. Fisher has long been a member of the Committee on religious work at the University, the Committee on religious education and young people's work, a Congregational representative on the Missionary Education Movement Board and the board of the Northern California Council of Religious Education, and more recently chairman of the committee for the preparation of devotional literature. Northern California will miss these good friends, but wishes them abundant success and joy in their new undertaking.

Beautiful and inspiring letters of gratitude have come from our pensioners because of the Christmas checks which were sent them. In spite of the hard times the people of our churches are evidently disposed to bring cheer to these veterans who are no longer able to be in active service. It was possible to send $58.00 to every minister who is on the pension list, and $46.00 to every widow, to supplement the regular appropriations. Here is a quotation from one of the letters received:

"I received your kindly letter a few days ago, containing a very generous Christmas gift. O, what cheer such a check brings to people retired from the work so dear to them. To receive such an unexpected token of remembrance is like a cup of bliss that overflows. I wish that the kindly donors to this fund could in some way be assured of our appreciation and receive our thanks."

RURAL SURVEY

A thoroughgoing survey is being made of eighteen counties in Northern California. It is being done through the national Home Missions Council, through its representative, Mr. Charles T. Greenway. It will include a study of every county and every community in every county, and the religious opportunity afforded. It is hoped that as a result, uncared-for fields may be covered and duplications eliminated. The pastors of our churches are cooperating in the various localities. A conference will be held in Sacramento in the spring, at which the results of these studies will be presented and discussed.

THE ARROW

The Arrow, a monthly magazine published in the interest of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, enters upon the second year of its life. Each issue contains a sermon by the pastor, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, D.D., a prayer, an outline of Bible readings, a section devoted to people, books and things, notes regarding the work of the church, and at least one article of general interest under the caption "The Book of Life." The magazine has been published without cost to the church, and is rapidly winning its way by its merit. Not a few people would be glad to pay the subscription price of $1.00 in order to have one of Dr. McCall's sermons each month.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Rev. William H. Youngman, who on account of illness has given up active work for the time being, desires to dispose of his Dodge Bros. business sedan. The car was recently put in first class shape mechanically, and the paint and upholstery are in excellent condition. It is a 1924 model, but has been driven only 31,000 miles. He will accept a reasonable offer, and can be reached at 511 Humboldt St., Santa Rosa.

DID SAUL OF TARSUS WRITE THIS?

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Doubtless you will recall the invitation you extended to me to come over to Macedonia and help the people of that section. Will you pardon me for saying that I am somewhat surprised that you should expect a man of my standing in the Church to seriously consider a call on such meager information.

There are a number of things I should like to learn before giving you my decision, and I would appreciate your dropping me a line, addressing me at Troas.

First of all, I should like to know if Macedonia is a circuit or a station. This is important, as I have been told that once a man begins on a circuit it is well-nigh impossible to secure employment in station work. If Macedonia embraces more than one preaching place, I may as well tell you frankly that I cannot consider the call.

There is another important item that was overlooked in your brief and somewhat sudden invitation. No mention was made of the salary I should receive. While it is true that I am not preaching for money, there are certain things that need to be taken into account. I may say with pardonable pride that I am a Sanhedrin man—the only one in the ministry today.

The day is past when you may expect a man to rush into a new field without some idea of the support he is to receive. I have worked myself up to a good position in the Asiatic field and to take a drop and lose my standing would be serious.

Nor can I afford to swap "dollar for dollar" as the saying goes among the Apostles. Kindly get the good Macedonian brethren together and see what you can do in the way of support. You have told me nothing about Macedonia beyond the implication that the place needs help. What are the social advantages? Is the church well organized?

I recently had a fine offer to return to Damascus at an increase in salary, and am told that I made a very favorable impression on the church at Jerusalem. If it will help the board at Macedonia you might mention these facts, and also that some of the brethren in Judea have been heard to say that if I keep on, in a few years I may have anything in the gift of the church. For recommendations write to Rev. Simon Peter, D.D., of Jerusalem. I will say that I am a first class mixer and especially strong on augumentative preaching.

If I accept the call I must stipulate the privilege of two months' vacation and the making of an occasional lecture tour.

My lecture on "Over the Wall in a Basket" is worth two drachma of any man's money.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL.

—Selected.

SARAH M. McLEAN

On Christmas morning Mrs. Sarah M. McLean, widow of Rev. John Knox McLean, passed away at the age of 98 years. Married in 1861, she shared the labors of her distinguished husband in Fairhaven, Connecticut, Framingham, Massachusetts and in Springfield, Illinois. In 1872 the very notable pastorate of First Church Oakland was undertaken, which continued until 1895, when Dr. McLean resigned to devote his full time to the presidency of the Pacific Theological Seminary. Mrs. McLean was organizer and one of the leaders of the Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific, and was active in the Red Cross, First Congregational Church of Berkeley and other benevolent and social enterprises. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Warren Olney, Jr., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and a host of friends who have been inspired by her abundant life.

J. G. ELMORE

Mr. J. G. Elmore, a resident of Salida since 1865, and a member of the Salida church, passed away November 9 at the age of 88. Deacon Elmore united with the little church in his neighborhood in 1866, and through all of the years held his membership, gave of his money and time for its advancement. For long periods there was scarcely another man in the community who could be depended upon for the church. Mr. Elmore looked after the building, entertained the ministers, and otherwise gave valuable assistance. He was always a genial host and was invariably a friend of every good cause. His wife, Mrs. Mary M. Elmore, who was his companion for 43 years, and who is head of the evangelism department of the state Women's Christian Temperance Union, survives him. Congregational churches sorely need laymen of the type of Mr. Elmore.

W. C. T. U. CONFERENCE

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of California (N) and Nevada extends a most hearty invitation to the churches, clubs, P. T.-A.s and all other organizations that wish prohibition to succeed, to unite with them in a Regional Conference in Sacramento January 28 and 29. This is one of a series of 25 conferences in the United States, the first being held in Washington, D. C., last week. The meetings will be led by two national officers.

All six sessions will be held in the Congregational Church, 2700 L street, except the banquet on the second evening in Hotel Senator. Meetings begin at 9:30 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The purpose of the conference is to promote law observance and to study the problem of law enforcement to the end that the United States may secure full benefit of the Eighteenth Amendment.

National officers of the W. C. T. U. will be present as speakers, also Edgar R. Bonsall, legal advisor for Prohibition Administrator William G. Walker. All friends of prohibition are cordially invited.

A new Lincoln story and responsive service "Lincoln and the Indian" have been prepared by the American Missionary Association for use in Bible Schools on Lincoln Sunday, February 14, 1932. Superintendents of church schools are invited to order their supplies early from the New York Office, 287 Fourth Avenue, to insure prompt delivery. A few copies are available in the Conference office, but not enough to supply our churches.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA. At the annual meeting of the church, held December 9, a new constitution was adopted, one of the most important changes being the establishing of advisory committees to oversee the work of the various departments. The reports were very encouraging as they showed a larger membership than at any other annual meeting, larger average attendance at Sunday services throughout the year, great activity in social life as shown by the large numbers who enjoyed the three dinners, stunt night, teas for the women, social evenings for the men, and parties for the young people's group. The attendance at the young people's meetings has grown and they had the largest delegation at Asilomar last summer. The choir has sung two oratories, St. Paul at Easter and The Messiah on December 27th. Three plays have been given by the Dramatic Section. This church was one of the few to increase the amount given for benevolences. But more important than all these is the spiritual life of the church. There is a spirit of good-will and friendliness, willingness to help in all branches of the work, and best of all is the atmosphere of reverence which can be felt at the worship services.

Our Christmas season was very full, with two plays and several choruses from The Messiah. On the 20th and 21st "Why the Chimes Rang" was given, and the beautiful scenery and costumes which were made by the young people, together with the splendid acting, made this an outstanding production. On the 23rd the young people gave a play for the Sunday School, "When Christmas Came to Bethlehem," written by Dr. Noel J. Breed, the pastor.

Six new members were received into the church on December 6th.

The Petaluma Church was the first to receive and use the new Pilgrim Hymnal.

BERKELEY - CHINESE. ..A splendid Christmas program was presented by the children and young people of the church. A dinner was given in honor of the graduates of the Berkeley High School. The young men of the church cooperate wholeheartedly and spend much time in preparation for the events which take place. Dr. B. C. Wong has served this church for almost twenty years.

TULARE. Reports at the annual meeting showed that in spite of the depression the church has come through financially better than for some years past. The full apportionment suggested by the Conference was accepted. An open forum is conducted on Sunday evenings, with an attendance that is gradually increasing. Rev. Robert B. Whittaker is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO-OCEAN VIEW. Improvements have been made in the property and Sunday School rooms provided. The church made a remarkable record for its size during 1931 in benevolence giving. Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, plans to take some work at the Pacific School of Religion the coming semester.

FAIRFAX. The pastor, Rev. James H. Price, is a member of the Mayor's unemployment committee, and is leading in a campaign to secure a thousand Bibles for San Quentin prison. Churches or young people's groups that desire to cooperate in this work may forward contributions to him.

SAN JOSE. The San Jose Church has engaged in a practical effort to help the unemployed. The Parish House is open five afternoons each week as a social center for unemployed women. Members of the Women's Federation are present each day to serve tea. The purpose is to establish friendly relations with families, who because of economic adversity, are socially isolated.

On Thanksgiving Day a cafeteria dinner was served to over forty people. On Christmas Day eighty people were served a dinner and an old-time Christmas party was held. Most of those who attended were members of unemployed families. The comment of an observer was "this is a demonstration of Christianity." Rev. Benjamion Gould is the pastor.

OAKLAND - PLYMOUTH. At the coming annual meeting the church will vote on a new constitution, by which it is expected that all departments of the church will be coordinated. The council will have about 25 members, each one serving as chairman of a committee or sponsor for an organization. This council will have monthly meetings. Mr. Clifford Simpson, the Director of Religious Education, will soon sail for Palestine where he will be associated with Dr. William F. Bade in archeological research. Dr. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, will attend a meeting of the special committee of the Church Extension Boards in New York City on the 19th of January.

VALLEY OF THE MOON. After four months of operation, the churches of the parish have come through with financial obligations better than had been hoped. The young people's work is especially gratifying, with increased attendance at the three Sunday Schools. The pastor, Rev. F. E. Boren, and the Director of Religious Education, Mr. Wesley Gordon, have made about 250 calls. Mr. Gordon has directed several plays. A splendid choir has been organized and has been given new vestments.

PITTSBURG. A full page of the Pittsburg Post-Dispatch was devoted to the Cradle Roll of the Community church. The pictures and names of the 37 babies who are members of the Cradle Roll were printed, together with a special article by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, and an announcement of the Christmas programs of the church. The page was made possible by six business firms of Pittsburg.

HAYWARD. The largest budget which has been attempted for some years was completely covered in the Every Member Canvass. A student of the Pacific School of Religion has been secured as part time worker for the Sunday School and young people's societies. The church reached its benevolence goal for the year. Rev. R. C. Day is the pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. Road conditions and bad weather have interfered with work outside of Weaverville. The church received a Loyalty offering for the conference, and will close the year practically even financially.

REDWOOD CITY. Twelve new members were received on the first Sunday in January. The church life has been thriving under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Stevens. His successor has not yet been selected.

EUREKA. "Some have not responded to the appeal for 1932 pledges. Several have increased pledges. Is fear holding us back? Perhaps the deepest dip of the depression has been reached—perhaps not. We make no predictions. The future is in God's hands. Let us put our trust in Him.

Sales of a certain brand of cigarette in 1930 were six billion over sales of 1929. Returns for 1931 are not yet available, but sales so far show a big increase over 1930. The boast is made that the cigarette business is depression proof. How about the church? Is your name on the Honor Roll of regular church subscribers?

—From the Church Bulletin.

ALAMEDA. The church has recently devoted two Sunday evenings to Seth Parker programs, with the choir, pastor and ushers in costume. The atmosphere was reverent and friendly, and large audiences were present. The church treasurer reported early in December that the finances were in the best shape that they have been in years. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, is taking an active interest in the recall movement, by which it is hoped that political conditions will be improved. Rev. Ernest M. Halliday, D.D., of the Church Extension Boards was the preacher at a recent Sunday morning service.

BERKELEY - PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, told the children of the church an original Christmas story, entitled "And the King Came." This was printed in the Berkeley Daily Gazette. During the month 111 pieces of clothing were distributed, boxes of food were provided for four families, a Christmas dinner was served to 65 Sunday School pupils, 100 children were served with New Year's dinner, and 19 families were furnihsed food at New Year's time. A large number of people in the community were unemployed.

LOOMIS. The annual meeting was held early in December. Fifty persons sat down to a covered dish supper. Reports revealed a prosperous condition in all departments. Besides meeting current expenses, payments were made on the church and parsonage loans. The deacons' report gave the pastor, Rev. Edmund Owens, warm praise for his efficient pastoral and pulpit work.

RENO. The church has just installed new pews and a new carpet, and greatly improved the appearance of the auditorium. The work was largely financed through the efforts of the ladies of the church. The lighting system is to be taken care of in the near future. Rev. William Moll Case is pastor of the church.

OAKLAND - BETHANY. A church membership of 64 with an average attendance of 100 for December, is reported by the pastor, Rev. V. H. Yessayan.

PALO ALTO. A total budget of $9,002, which included $2,200 for benevolences, was adopted by the church for the year 1932. Rev. Willard B. Thorp is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO - CALVARY. A church membership of 76 and an average attendance of 92 is reported by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Kartozian, for the month of December.

HIP WO SCHOOL

The first semester closed with a Christmas program and party. In spite of the depression which has hit Chinatown as it has affected all classes of people, the attendance for the semester and the tuitions collected held up remarkably well.

This school is teaching the Chinese boys and girls their native language and at the same time giving them the story of God and the Bible so that when they return to take their part in the new China, it will be as well-equipped Christian Chinese. The pastor of our San Francisco Chinese Church, Rev. B. Y. Leang, is the principal of the school.

OAKLAND - FIRST. Workmen are busy transforming the chapel into a room of beauty and worshipful mood. The Women's League is making use of the bequest of Mrs. Augusta Collins for the purpose. A service of dedication is planned for January 17. 47 boxes were given to thirty families at the Christmas season, and some individual members of the church were aided by generous checks. First Church, under the leadership of Dr. F. J. Van Horn and Dr. Ralph Waddell, is providing a well-rounded program of worship, religious education, and social service.

MODOC INDIAN. Miss Mary Coxhead, our missionary in Modoc County, has been ill with Scarlatina since about the middle of December, and will probably be confined until about the 10th of January. The source of the contagion has not been determined, but her physician advises that all churches sending clothing should see that same is washed before being shipped, and that no clothing be sent from homes where there has been a disease. This will avoid even the suggestion of disease being carried in this way.

OAKLAND-PILGRIM. This church ministered to several needy families at Christmas time. The pastor made it a point to call personally upon the families aided. On a recent Sunday the church was almost surrounded by flood-waters, which came down from the hills, making it impossible for anyone to reach the church without an automobile. Rev. C. H. Cleaves, the pastor, keeps up his visitation, making 126 calls during December.

GUERNEVILLE. In spite of heavy storms and high water, a splendid Christmas program was carried through. The church is caring for a number of families in destitute circumstances, without aid from other agencies. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Price, believes that the foundations have been laid for real growth and strength.

OAKLAND - FRUITVALE. As the result of a special financial effort during the month of December, $73 per month was secured in new pledges. A well attended dinner was served at which Dr. Herman F. Swartz and the Conference Superintendent made addresses. Mr. James E. Boyd is serving as pastor.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22. Mrs. Charles T. Tinker, the president, will preside. The program, which has been arranged by Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, will open at 2:30 Thursday afternoon. Miss Gertrude Harris of India and Miss Helen Perkins will be speakers. There will be a reception to the wives of pastors. A fellowship dinner will be served, following which the Federation will attend the Tenth Anniversary of the Presidency of Rev. Herman F. Swartz, D.D., of the Pacific School of Religion. Dr. Robert A. Millikan of Pasadena will give the address, and it will be held in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

On Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, reports of officers and committees will be given and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Luncheon will be served at noon. In the afternoon Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins will lead a Seminar on "The Character and Scope of a Church's Women's Organization." The sessions will close not later than 4 p. m.

Each women's society is entitled to three delegates, so be sure the quota is filled and may each one come to this meeting in the spirit of prayer.

PEACE ON EARTH

It takes little imagination to perceive whole tracts of life almost untouched by divine light and music. Arms multiply. Class enmity breeds. Individuals hate and snatch. Yet during the Christmas season we have seen the star and heard the song not only in the sky but shining and singing in countless human hearts. We know that nothing wrong is necessary, and we see reasons to hope that peace and goodwill are spreading upon Earth.

At last our churches are backing the cause of World Peace, and that is a fairly sure sign that the worst of its journey is over; its goal in sight. Of course wars are not only possible conflicts, and we do not stampede to climb into the band wagon labeled Economic Reform. We feel but slight compunction in owning more while others own less than is needful. Yet this moral callousness softens. Even good stewardship no longer wholly satisfies. We know that something is vitally wrong. Our ministers are beginning to preach not only world organization for Peace, but social reorganization for Justice and Mercy. Great men of affairs ponder cooperative planning. Revolution and war may both be averted.

For we live in a time of new vision. Many who sent sons to fight for their country begin to look with sympathy and understanding into the faces of those whose sons their own sons have slain. We seen men redeeming, beautifying, and sanctifying their native land not alone for its own sake but for the sake of the world. A new type of patriotism is being born. Leaders today are often saintlike. And the wave of God's grace inundates countless lives, purifying them of greed, pride, and resentment. Men therefore begin to see the divine in other lands and classes, and so hasten to reign of peace on earth.

Mary Barrows Irwin.

Prohibition has reduced commitments for drunkeness by 55.3 per cent according to the figures of the U.S. Census Bureau.—Census Volume, "Prisoners, 1923," Table 12.

MRS. MARTHA G. CASTOR

The women of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California wish a word, amid the many tributes to Mrs. Castor. She was a woman of many interests, but for years has served on one or another of our committees and even this year of her going finds her name there. That however, is but a small part of her service to us for her presence among us with her bright face, her words of cheerfulness, with her eager backing of our every endeavor passes before us as of the greatest worth. We never saw doubt or discouragement on her face. Behind it all was her confident trust in her Heavenly Father. In days when her great sorrow was fresh and her heart bleeding, she said, "I wake up praying." So ever the light of prayer was her illumination. There surely were hidden sources of strength to meet her trials in days gone by, and more recently in the long experience of suffering—enough for her and to pass on to others.

To the Women of the Federation:

How Christian hearts respond to Christian hearts in the Fellowship of our church women, throughout our part of the state. We are about to start a new year, but there are dear ties with the past in those who have left us—Mrs. Castor leading and now Mrs. McLean. Her long life goes back to the very organization of our women's work on this coast and through all the years it has been one of her tenderest interests. Times and ways change but with her the goal of the growth of the Kingdom was ever the same. We do not in these days speculate overmuch about the future life, but one loves to think what a happy homecoming hers must be, the choice spirits of this whole region, who one by one, for a half century have gone before. We could name many a saint from our own circle. With her husband she must have known of redeemed ones and those sanctified by great suffering, whom she sees again. The old phraseology fits a look at her life. Isn't there something in it for us—a standard of normal, wholesome living, enobled by faithfulness and devotion to the cause of Christ in every opening line of opportunity?

Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.

Word comes from the co-workers in the Foreign Field that though they have been cut in salary and are threatened with another cut, they have not cut in their service—they do not write of a five hour day or a four day week, nor of diminished energy, but rather of greater efforts —longer hours—and more consecration. Are we at home going to let them carry all the burden? Are we going to talk hard times, cut down on our benevolence giving and yet enjoy the comforts and luxuries which our representatives on the front are denied? It behooves us to put the question very straight to our own hearts. What is the answer?

Our Indian school at Elbo Woods, North Dakota, is in great need. North Dakota was badly hit by the drought and this school, formerly self-supporting, is now asking for help. We in California are asked for fruit. Can you bring dried fruit, prunes, raisins, peaches, or apricots to the annual meeting? It will be shipped from there to these needy friends of ours.

While you are making out the budget for your women's organization do not forget to include one, two, or five dollars for the M. E. M.

CHRISTIANS AND WAR

Our Chinese Christian friends meet the test of war in a truly Christian spirit.

Miss Valley Nelson, writing from Lintsing, China, tells of a recent incident which was "encouraging and inspiring" and which she believes should convince anyone inclined to doubt that mission work is worth while. The members of the local church were greatly disturbed by the grave situation in Manchuria, but felt they could not join with politicial organizations in agitation intended to create hatred and bitterness against Japan. They held that the only standard the church can adopt are those established by our Master and that the church must find a Christian way of expressing patriotism. Finally they decided to send three telegrams, one to National Christian Council of China, one to the Congregational Churches of North China and one to the Congregational Churches of Japan requesting the co-operation of all Christians in urging a peaceful settlement of the trouble in Manchuria.

Miss Nelson says she was thrilled by the spirit shown in the meeting and could not help contrasting it with that exhibited in some of our churches in America in 1917. She concludes, ""Truly the world is moving forward and our Chinese Christian friends are not lagging behind in catching and trying to express the Spirit of Jesus."

The beginning of a new year—the past is closed and 1932 is before us. Will it mean anything different to us from the last year? Are we going to make the same mistakes? At least let us try to live this text, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus" and make our lives so conform to the ideal of Jesus, that we may spread about His love and make the world better.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Advance copies of the Fellowship of Prayer for 1932 have been mailed to all pastors. The Conference office will be able to supply our churches with copies for distribution. The material has been prepared by Rev. Dwight J. Bradley of Newton, Massachusetts. He has chosen as his theme "Recapturing the Radiance." The topics for the various weeks are as follows: The Sense of Need, The Light of the World, the Receptive Heart, the Quickened Faith, the Renewed Hope, the Deepened Love, the Everlasting Night.

In line with the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Literature, let our churches and ministers use this valuable aid to prayer more widely than ever before. The price, so far as we know, will be the same as in the years previous, i. e., 3c a copy or $2.00 per hundred.

THE REAL TEST

"The real test of what Christ is doing out here may be best seen, perhaps, in individuals," writes Rev. Wilbur S. Deming of Ahmednagar. He continues: "It may be seen in old Hariba Gaikwad, our retired Christian pastor in Satara. Hariba is a constant benediction to the Christians of Satara. Although well over eighty, and living on a small pension, he considers it his daily privilege to go out with the blind evangelist, walking two or three miles a day, and telling the simple-hearted villagers about the good news of Jesus.

"It may be seen in Nanaji Kamble, a Satara school teacher. When the decision was reached that because of a decreasing income the school for the children of the shoemaker caste had to be closed, Nanaji stepped in, and, with the help of his wife and son, he has been carrying on that school without any expense to the Mission. It may be seen in Tatyaba Jadhav, a stalwart Christian of the Ramushi or thieving caste, who considers that his first duty when his grain is harvested is to send a full tenth of its value to the Christian church. In the meantime he lives in constant poverty but always with a song of joy on his lips."

MINUTES WANTED

As a depository for all congregational records, The Chicago Theological Seminary has set aside two rooms in Hammond Library for such purpose, and already has an unusual collection which is being used by students from different institutions.

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